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Dear Mr Pengelly

NIAO'S REPORT ON ADDICTION SERVICES

Thank you for your letter dated 29 September 2020 in which you advised the Committee you would not be able to attend an evidence session on the Northern Ireland Audit Office's report on 'Addiction Services' at this time. Committee notes this decision is as a result of the increased pressure and workload your department is presently facing, in dealing with the pandemic COVID 19.

The Committee appreciates your current position in regards to this and also your offer to provide a written update. The Committee feel a written update would not be required at this time, however we would still be very interested in pursuing this inquiry in the near future.

We will therefore write to you again in the New Year to seek a suitable date for an evidence session to take place on this inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William J. Humphrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping final flourish.

William Humphrey
Chairperson
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